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NBA trade deadline day. The Celtics have all eyes on the future, but will that future include the likes of Rajon Rondo, Jeff Green and Brandon Bass? **Rumors abound.** The latest rumored deal has Danny Ainge sending Rondo to Houston. PAGE 17

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Markey's gun control plan includes new technology

007. The James Bond-like technology in Markey's proposal would keep guns out of the wrong hands, he said.

U.S. Sen. Ed Markey on Wednesday joined city leaders in Roxbury where he announced he will submit new gun control legislation in the Senate next week. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

It's not exactly clear where Sen. Ed Markey got the inspiration for his new gun control legislation, but it might have come from the latest James Bond movie.

Markey, during a visit to Project RIGHT in Roxbury, announced on Wednesday that he will introduce new gun control legislation in the Senate next week called the Handgun Trigger Safety Act.

Among the measures in the bill is a requirement that within two years of it passing, all guns manufactured in the United States must be compliant with technology that allows only the owner to fire the weapon. Some of the ideas are similar to how James Bond was the only one able to fire his gun because of palm print identification in the handle as seen in the movie "Skyfall."

Markey's ideas include a fingerprint identification pad on the handle of a gun as well as radio frequency technology where the gun would unlock when it is near a wristwatch-like device worn by the owner.

Markey's new bill would "keep guns, literally, out of the hands of those who should not have them," he said.

"Technology exists now that can authorize handgun use only by its owner. In the 21st century, we have to use advances in technology to our advantage and save lives," Markey said.

Markey also called for $10 million to be authorized to study the causes and prevention of gun violence, a stream of funding that he said he will work to make a priority and permanent.

"We need to study this like the public health crisis that it is in ... the United States," he said. "We cannot wait any longer to put these common sense gun laws on the books."

Monalisa Smith, the founder of Mothers for Justice and Equality, sat with Markey, local leaders and clergy members for a discussion just before Markey's announcement.

"We know that we can't bring our children back," she said. "And our work is really to ensure that other families don't face the same grief and loss that we face. This is an opportunity for all of us to embrace ... legislation that would hinder taking those innocent lives and really begin to hold people accountable for misusing guns."

Suffolk District Attorney Dan Conley also sat in on the meeting with Markey. He said that in the 12 years that he's been district attorney 28 children under the age of 16 have been killed in Boston by guns that were "in the wrong hands."

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Shooting stats

In Boston, there have been 19 shootings, with nine of them fatal, through Feb. 9.

- That's three more shootings than the same time period last year.
- The increase in gun violence has led to Mayor Marty Walsh and other city leaders to consider a gun buy back program.
- One of those killed was a 9-year-old boy whose 14-year-old brother accidentally shot him in their Mattapan home.

Quoted

"In the 21st century, we have to use advances in technology to our advantage and save lives."
Sen. Ed Markey

In court. Man charged with human trafficking

A Roxbury man was arrested for allegedly prostituting a teen girl and also sexually assaulting her.

Tyrone Battle, 33, was due in a Dorchester court to answer to human trafficking and other charges, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office.

Battle was arrested Tuesday by Boston police after authorities conducted interviews and collected evidence from prostitution websites.

Authorities said he sexually assaulted the teen girl and exploited her through prostitution for years beginning when she was 14. METRO

No thanks

Elderly woman pulls gun on snow shoveler

An elderly Lowell woman used a firearm to scare off a man who demanded money for shoveling her driveway, despite her not asking him to do it, the Lowell Sun reported. She was licensed to carry. METRO

GOP

Chris Christie coming to Mass. 'soon'

Republican Governors Association Chairman Chris Christie will be in Massachusetts "soon" for finance events, according to RGA press secretary Jon Thompson, who declined to discuss what the organization's strategy might be in Massachusetts this year. SHNS

Christie / GETTY IMAGES

Robin Thicke performs "Blurred Lines" with Miley Cyrus at the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards. / GETTY IMAGES

BU students protest Robin Thicke concert

Blurred lines. More than 1,000 people have signed a petition demanding the cancellation of Robin Thicke's show at the Agganis Arena.

Members of a Boston University student organization are protesting an upcoming Robin Thicke concert set to happen at the school's Agganis Arena because they say the pop singer promotes sexism and rape culture — attitudes that the group said should not be condoned by the administration.

"We are not going to be silent. We may not be listened to, but we will speak out," said Patrick Johnson, a member of the Humanists of Boston University organization, an activist group that takes up issues of social justice.

Johnson said he was not alone in his disappointment when he learned that Thicke would perform at the university on March 4.

"My reaction was similar to many people's [reactions]; this is a way of symbolically justifying or glorifying an artist who gained most of his popularity through a song that reinforces rape culture," Johnson said.

Thicke's Grammy-nominated hit "Blurred Lines" has taken heat for lyrics such as, "I know you want it," and "You're a good girl."

Earlier this week, Johnson created a Change.org petition asking that the concert be canceled and that the university apologize for "insinuating that sexism, or any form of baseless discrimination, is permissible at our institution."

The petition also slams the "Blurred Lines" lyrics, which the petition describes as nonconsensual language that "celebrates having sex with women against their will."

Nearly 1,200 people had signed as of 5 p.m. yesterday.

BU spokesman Colin Riley told The Daily Free Press that the school's administration had no role in scheduling Thicke's performance.

In addition to the petition, Johnson created a Facebook page that calls for a protest at the arena on the night of the concert, which he expects will go on as scheduled.

Representatives for Thicke and concert promoter Live Nation did not immediately return requests for comment.

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Metro asked...

Should Boston University cancel Robin Thicke's concert at Agganis Arena?

- "No. If they feel that way, which they have every right to, then they can choose not to go to the concert. Don't take an artist/concert away from the whole school though."
  KATIE CROCKETT , FACEBOOK

Quoted

"Thicke's current celebrity status is not due only to his hit songs, but also his misogyny."
Change.org petition

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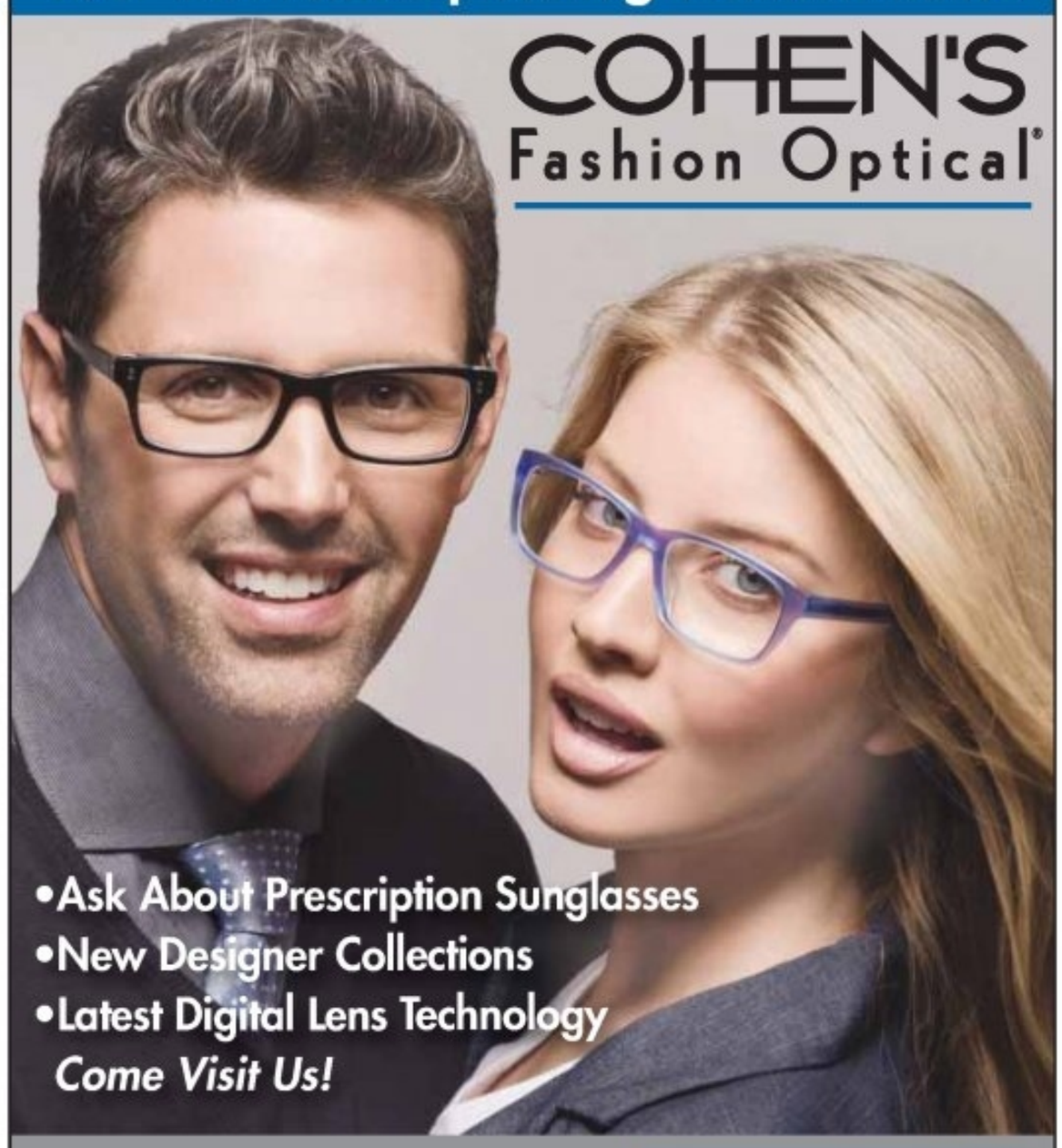

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Deadly collapse

Framingham barn collapses, cows die

Two cows died and several more were injured after a barn collapsed under the weight of snow Wednesday morning in Framingham.

Emergency crews responded to Eastleigh Farm where a barn collapsed on top of the cows,the MetroWest Daily News reported. It is not known when the collapse occurred. It was discovered at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday. The cows were last milked at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Eight cows were injured. METRO

Transit crime

MBTA: Braintree man claimed military status

A Braintree man was arrested Tuesday after he allegedly lied about being an active member of the U.S. military in order to ride the T for free.

Keefe / TRANSIT POLICE

Christopher Keefe, 28, allegedly told the fib to a customer service agent at the Massachusetts Avenue T station, drawing the attention of police who discovered that he was not an active duty military member, but was wanted on a charge of assault and battery on an elderly person. METRO

K-9 cruelty. Man arrested after MBTA cops say he tormented police dog

A Cambridge man was in court yesterday for allegedly tormenting a police dog after police say he taunted an MBTA Transit Police K-9 to the point that the agitated animal suffered a cut to his eye.

Transit Police said Antonio Brown, 25, approached a Transit Police cruiser Tuesday night on Massachusetts Avenue as it was stopped at a light near Washington Street and began to "hiss, grunt and bark" at the dog, named Viktor, who was seated in the vehicle's rear.

Brown's inexplicable actions, according to police, caused Viktor to become excited and agitated.

The dog jumped and spun in the backseat of the cruiser, causing him to suffer a small laceration next to his left eye that required treatment from his handler.

The transit officer jumped out of the cruiser and chased Brown, who police say was "laughing as he was running away."

He was eventually apprehended after escaping in a motor vehicle.

Rob Halpin, a spokesman for MSPCA-Angell, said that the unusual incident seems to be isolated.

"I can't recall similar instances in which someone has deliberately agitated a police [or other working] dog so as to cause the animal to harm itself. In this case the injury, thankfully, appears both minor and treatable. And we're glad to see the police moving ahead with pressing charges," Halpin said.

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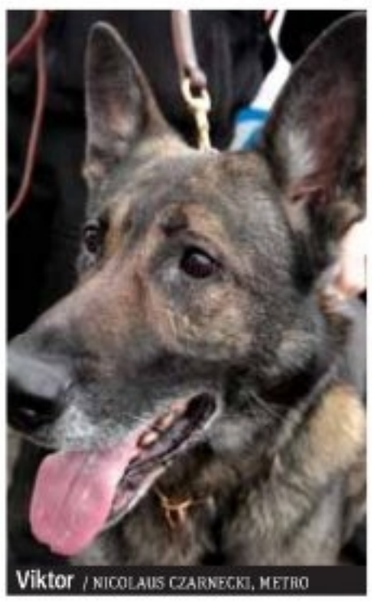

Viktor / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Harbor seals show off their pearly whites

The harbor seals at the New England Aquarium got their daily teeth brushing in front of an audience on Wednesday to help promote National Children's Dental Health Month. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Good grub

Hub eateries get James Beard noms

It may come as no surprise to Boston foodies that the James Beard Foundation yesterday named several local eateries and chefs to its list of semifinalists for the 2014 Restaurant and Chef Awards.

Asta made the cut for Best New Restaurant, The Hawthorne is up for the Outstanding Bar Program award and Hamersley's Bistro is nominated for Outstanding Restaurant. L'Espalier was recognized for Outstanding Service, while Troquet was selected for its Outstanding Wine Program.

Boston restaurateurs Garrett Harker (Eastern Standard, Island Creek Oyster Bar, The Hawthorne) and Barbara Lynch (No. 9 Park, Menton, B&G Oysters) are up for Outstanding Restaurateur.

Jamie Bissonnette of Coppa and Joanne Chang of Flour Bakery + Cafe are both vying for Best Chef in the Northeast.

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Berkut riot police shoot rubber bullets toward anti-government protesters on Independence Square on Wednesday in Kiev, Ukraine. / GETTY IMAGES

United States urges Ukraine to call truce

Deadly. At least 26 people were killed after riot police entered Independence Square on Tuesday.

The United States on Wednesday urged the Ukrainian government to pull back riot police from Independence Square in Kiev, call a truce and hold discussions with the opposition after at least 26 people died in the worst violence since the former Soviet republic gained independence.

White House Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes said the United States would consider the use of sanctions against those responsible for the violence in Ukraine. He said the United States would like to see Russia support efforts to reduce tensions in Ukraine.

Shortly after Obama spoke, Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich said he had agreed to a "truce" with opposition leaders and a start to negotiations to prevent further bloodshed.

The crisis, complete with Cold War-style recriminations between Washington and Moscow, has centered on Independence Square in Kiev where riot police battled protesters on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters ahead of a meeting with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, Obama urged both sides in Ukraine to avoid violence but singled out the country's military for a specific warning against intervening in the crisis.

"We expect the Ukrainian government to show restraint," he said. "We've also said we expect peaceful protesters to remain peaceful, and we'll be monitoring very closely the situation, recognizing that with our European partners and the international community there will be consequences if people step over the line." REUTERS

Quoted

"I think the scenes that we saw in Kiev yesterday were completely outrageous and have no place in the 21st century."

Rhodes

Condemnation

EU to hold meeting on sanctions

European Union leaders condemned what they called "the unjustified use of excessive force by the Ukrainian authorities" in Kiev and said they were urgently preparing targeted sanctions against officials responsible for the crackdown.

EU officials said President Viktor Yanukovich would not be on the list to keep channels of dialogue open. The foreign ministers of Germany, France and Poland will visit him on Thursday, hours before an emergency EU meeting to decide on the sanctions.

"We call on all sides to immediately put an end to the violence and engage into a meaningful dialogue, responding to the democratic aspirations of the Ukrainian people," said European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. REUTERS

President Obama

Order signed to speed up export approvals

President Barack Obama signed an executive order on Wednesday that will attempt to speed from days to minutes how quickly small businesses gain U.S. government approval for exports or imports.

The order is the latest example of Obama using executive authority to act on his own where he can without needing congressional approval.

"Trade is critical to the nation's prosperity — fueling economic growth, supporting good jobs at home, raising living standards, and helping Americans provide for their families with affordable goods and services," the order said.

Obama's move has the aim of cutting the time needed for processing and approving for small businesses that export American-made goods.

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Chloe Grace Moretz is experiencing technical difficulties, Niall Horan has been missing his band mates, Sofia Vergara is having a good time Down Under and Joss Whedon isn't up for walking.

@ChloeGMoretz: strangest thing just happened to my phone it wouldn't take a charge so i did a full restart and bingo.. charging.. weird.

@NiallOfficial: First time we have all been together for a while now! lookin forward t seeing the lads ! #BRITs2014

@SofiaVergara: Bruce Springsteen concert in Sydney!!!

@josswhedon: Stairs are so serious

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Wiig dons a Styles-ish wig for Fallon

Harry? That you? Nope. Just Kristen Wiig dressing up like the One Direction member on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" on Tuesday. Her commitment to the character only went skin-deep, though: As soon as she began to answer questions as "Harry," it was clear she didn't know One Direction from a handsome, tuneful hole in the ground. Three nights in, "The Tonight Show" under Fallon's watch is going great: Between 9 and 10 million people tuned in to watch his debut on Monday night, beating all other late-night shows in the ratings.

Shia LaBeouf is skywriting again

Shia LaBeouf has been all over the tabloids and the blogs and the Twitter lately. But for those who don't follow celebrity gossip on any medium, Shia has them covered too — they just have to look up into the sky.

LaBeouf has taken to skywriting for the third time, hiring planes to write "#STARTCREATING" in the sky above Los Angeles, according to E! Online. His previous messages were "I am sorry Daniel Clowes" and "#STOPCREATING," both in January.

It's great to have Shia's permission to start making stuff. I hope he follows his own advice, since he's never created anything in particular. LaBeouf's meltdown/art project/generous subsidy to L.A.'s skywriting industry began in December, when his short film "HowardCantour.com" was revealed to be a rip-off of a Daniel Clowes comic, "Justin M. Damiano." Since then, he's tweeted a slew of plagiarized quotes and apologies, hired the aforementioned skywriters and last week held an "art installation" in which he sat in a room with a paper bag over his head reading "I am not famous anymore" while weeping — which some would say was a rip-off of Marina Abromovic's "The Artist Is Present."

In case you can't tell, I am heartily sick of this kid — he ripped an artist off, got caught, and he's been trying to reposition his screw-up as art ever since. I would rather see Justin Bieber get an Oscar than hear another word from LaBeouf on the subject. **MELINDA TAUB**

Katy Perry insists you look at her ring finger

A ring? Or THE ring?

Katy Perry is sending the gossip world into a tizzy by sporting the same diamond ring on a very suspicious finger for the past few days. The first time, we all chalked it up to her being fashionable — but then the singer had the audacity to wear the art-deco-influenced ring yet again at the Elle Style Awards on Tuesday in London.

"What does it mmmmeeee-aaaannnnn?" your brain is annoyingly asking, as we are all conditioned to be concerned with this for some reason. I wish I knew — so far both the Perry and John Mayer camp are being mum on the situation. One thing is for sure: The only way she could troll us any harder is if she started wearing a fake baby bump.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip

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Talking points

DeGeneres is "lucky" with De Rossi

Ellen DeGeneres is eager to put to rest rumors circulating in some tabloids that her marriage to Portia De Rossi is on the rocks. "The tabloids had a photo of Portia not wearing her wedding ring. She goes, 'I didn't wear it because when I ride horses and I'm holding the reins, it gives me a blister,'" DeGeneres explains to People magazine. "The truth is — and this is corny — I fall more in love with Portia all the time. I really do. She surprises me all the time. It's what anyone experiences when you find that person that gets you, wants to take care of you, wants the best for you."

Portia and Ellen: Still happy!

Cooper is (maybe) on Propecia

While Bradley Cooper's hairdo in "American Hustle" has been getting plenty of attention, it's his real-life coif that has the Oscar-nominated actor preoccupied. Sources tell Radar Online that Cooper "is so anxious about his receding hairline that he's turned to [hair loss medication] Propecia. He has a lot of bald guys in his family, so he's been on Propecia for a couple of years, and to his delight it seems to be working." He's gotten so serious about maintaining his mane, in fact, that on the most recent "Hangover" film he had a dedicated hairstylist — "a first for the franchise."

Stewart not dead, nor gay

At least Patrick Stewart has a decent sense of humor. The star was misidentified as gay by the Guardian in an article about "X-Men" co-star Ellen Page's recent coming out. "The third paragraph originally said, 'Some gay people, such as Sir Patrick Stewart, think Page's coming out speech is newsworthy.' This should have read, 'Some people, such as Sir Patrick Stewart,'" a statement from the newspaper read. Stewart, who married longtime girlfriend Sunny Ozell in September, took it in stride, posting to Twitter, "It makes for a nice change. At least I didn't wake up to the Internet telling me I was dead again."

If you go

'Hairspray'

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Believe it or not, this is a triumphant moment in the fight for civil rights in "Hairspray." / GARY NG

TV watch list

TALK

'The Daily Show with Jon Stewart'

The son of Mia Farrow and Woody Allen (or Frank Sinatra — who really knows?) Ronan Farrow pays a visit to "The Daily Show." He's there to talk about his new show on MSNBC, but let's hope we'll also hear more about his dysfunctional family.

11 P.M., COMEDY CENTRAL

DRAMA

'Rake'

Another show about a lawyer, but don't skip this one. Greg Kinnear plays criminal defense attorney Keegan, whose personal life is as messy as his clients'. Tonight his case is a chef accused of bigamy. See if he cracks it.

9 P.M., FOX

LASSE EMIL KRISTIANSEN

Wheelock bottles the fun of 'Hairspray'

See more at www.metro.us

Review. The family theater captures all the charm of this cult favorite production.

You wouldn't be alone if you thought "Hairspray" was a bit outside the Wheelock Family Theatre's, well, wheelhouse. The big, glitzy, camp-filled Broadway musical feels somewhat over-the-top for the wholesome, family-friendly theater that caters to children.

But an incredible surprise awaits you as Wheelock delivers one of the most outstanding musical productions a local company has staged in years. The show's behemoth stature and frenzied machinations prove no match for director Susan Kosoff and a slick ensemble that makes it look effortless.

In case you've somehow missed it, "Hairspray" is the story of Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and even bigger dreams. When the plus-size girl gets the chance to audition for the Corny Collins TV show, she comes face-to-face with discrimination. Her response catapults the teen into the spotlight as a leader in the fight for civil rights in Baltimore, circa 1962.

It sounds heavy, but remember "Hairspray" was originally a John Waters film complete with quirky characters and a side-splitting finesse. You'll smile until it hurts, laugh until you gasp for breath and sing and dance right along with the lovable outcasts.

Jenna Lea Scott is delightful as Tracy, complete with contagious, albeit innocent, enthusiasm to right the world's injustices. Aimee Doherty turns in the finest performance of her stellar career as the sultry villainess Velma Von Tussle.

Jennifer Beth Glick also delivers an outstanding performance as Tracy's mousey best friend Penny Pingleton. And Gamalia Pharms' vocal prowess has never been so perfectly showcased as she nearly blows the roof off the place as Motormouth Maybelle.

But in the end, "Hairspray" is really an extraordinary ensemble production that, while suitable for children 9 and above, would make a great date night for adults of any age.

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Must-see

'3 Days to Kill'

1 Once upon a time Kevin Costner was the biggest star in the world. After ages filing ace supporting work, he's starring in everything this year, starting with this action-drama about a dying assassin trying to reconnect with his daughter (Hailee Steinfeld).

Kevin Costner returns to lead duties in "3 Days to Kill." / JULIAN TORRES

2 'Pompeii'
Spoiler: Mount Vesuvius erupts and wipes out everyone on the island of Pompeii. Before that happens, there's some Roman intrigue to be had, some of it involving a "Gladiator" knockoff starring a "Game of Thrones" stud.

3 'The Wind Rises'
Legendary Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki ("My Neighbor Totoro," "Spirited Away") once claimed this study of a man who designed WWII fighter planes was his retirement film. Then he said he wasn't retiring. We're not sure whether he means it, but you should still see this.

4 'Stranger by the Lake'
Many flocked to "Blue Is the Warmest Color" because it featured young French lesbians. Will they turn out in equal size to its gay dude semi-equivalent? Filmmaker Alain Guiraudie hangs out at a cruising site where the sometimes actual hard-core sex is upset by a murder.

5 'Tim's Vermeer'
Penn and Teller barely appear in this documentary they made, which is focused entirely on one Tim Jenison, a billionaire inventor who tries to recreate a Johannes Vermeer painting using a technique the artist may himself have used.

6 'In Secret'
Elizabeth Olsen headlines this take on Emile Zola's "Therese Raquin," concerning a young woman who conspires with her lover (Oscar Isaac) to do away with the man she was forced to marry (Tom Felton). Jessica Lange plays her fearsome mother-in-law.

ADMIT ONE

Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.

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Not retiring any time soon

Interview. A Hollywood legend talks playing a character older than herself and defends Alfred Hitchcock.

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In the romantic fantasy "Winter's Tale," Eva Marie Saint plays a character who's more than 100 years old. "Made me feel young," Saint cracks, chuckling heartily. She herself is not that old, even if she once made out with Cary Grant in Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 "North by Northwest."

Saint likes that her character is, despite her age, a Manhattan newspaper editor. "She's a professional," she says. "I just prefer to do roles where it's a strong lady and she's not ill and she's not in a wheelchair — and that may happen, and there's nothing wrong with that. But as long as I can portray somebody who still makes a difference in the world, that's what I like to do."

That drive is something she somewhat identifies with too. Now in her late 80s — and still friendly but feisty, warm yet sharp about her long career — Saint has been keeping busy, or as much as she'd like to be. She periodically swings by to do voice work on "The Legend of Korra," the animated sequel to "Avatar: The Last Airbender." That harkens back to her first job in the entertainment business: as a tour guide at NBC studios in New York, where part of her job was demonstrating how sound effects were created.

No doubt she also likes that the role continues a long tradition of playing smart, independent women. She won her Oscar for playing the strong-willed sister of a slain dockworker in 1954's "On the Waterfront." Rather than cash in on her success, she sought the good roles. She returned to drama on television, where she had first made her name, racking up a string of Emmy nominations. (She won in 1990 for "People Like Us.")

Even when she wound up as a glamorous undercover spy in "North by Northwest," it proved a subtly challenging role. Still, she didn't mind being treated like a movie star. She recalls how Hitchcock didn't like the clothes MGM had picked out for her, so he took her to Bergdorf Goodman to choose whatever outfits she wanted. "I sat next to him and he had the models come by. Then one walked by with that black dress [she wore in the movie] and I said, 'Hitch, I like that!'" She then launches into her Hitchcock impersonation: "He said, 'Wrap it up for Miss Saint.'"

She identifies this collaborative move as an example of how Hitchcock wasn't as dismissive of actors as the legend goes. ("I never said all actors are cattle," he once said, debunking the myth. "I said they should be treated like cattle.") When asked about such charges, she swats them down. "I don't want to hear about that — when you have a good friend, and someone starts gossiping about them."

Saint is in fact married to a director: Jeffrey Hayden, who's long worked in television. (He's still working.) She's worked with many herself, from Fred Zinnemann ("A Hatful of Rain") to John Frankenheimer ("All Fall Down" and "Grand Prix") to Vincente Minnelli ("The Sandpiper"). With the breadth of talent comes a breadth of working styles. "If the director is quiet, everyone on the set is quiet. If a director is screaming, everyone has to scream louder than that. But if they're quiet, everybody has to be quiet. My husband's like that. Hitchcock was like that. [Elia] Kazan was like that."

Quoted

"As long as I can portray somebody who still makes a difference in the world, that's what I like to do."

Saint, on playing elderly characters

Eva Marie Saint returns to the screen for a cameo in the romantic fantasy "Winter's Tale." / GETTY IMAGES

Loud noises

On Otto

One director who wasn't quiet was Otto Preminger, who directed her in the 1960 founding-of-Israel epic "Exodus." "Once a day he would scream. That's how he got out frustration. So people on the set were nervous because, when is he going to scream? Then he screamed and they were still nervous." Was he charming? "When he wasn't screaming he was."

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Patti Stanger, Perez Hilton and Dr. Emily Morse talk sex at a recent Match.com event. / GETTY IMAGES

The stats don't lie

Match.com invited celebrity blogger Perez Hilton, sex expert and Bravo TV star Dr. Emily Morse and millionaire matchmaker Patti Stanger to discuss the results of its survey, "Singles in America." We have the results — and the reactions.

The fact: Single women with red hair have the most orgasms.
What it means: Visit your hairdresser ASAP and get those locks dyed.
What people are saying:
"I'm dyeing my hair tomorrow. Or today!" **DR. EMILY MORSE**
"When I lived here in New York City I colored my hair bright red for a year, and I had more sex than I ever had before. Not commitment, but sex!" **PATTI STANGER**

The fact: Seventy-four percent of men would be comfortable dating a woman who has had more previous sexual partners than they did.
What it means: Don't hold back. He won't judge you.
What people are saying:
"I have a strong opinion on this one. It should be a 'Don't ask, don't tell' question. Even if he asks, it can never lead down a good road. Never answer and just tell your partner that you never had better sex than now!" **MORSE**

The fact: Only 15 percent of men and 12 percent of women say they'd ideally want to have sex every day.
What it means: It's OK to have a headache sometimes.
What people are saying:
"I want it at least once a day." **PEREZ HILTON**
"My problem is when I'm really busy I don't want sex. But give me a vacation and I'll give it to you 17 times a day. But I'm not normal, I think." **STANGER**

The fact: Both genders agree that 10 p.m. is the ideal time to have sex.
What it means: Get it done and look forward to a good night's sleep.
What people are saying:
"I don't like the poke-poke in the morning. Get off of me, motherf—er. I'm sleeping, and with Brad Pitt in my dreams!" **STANGER**

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Redheads orgasm most. That is just one of the shocking facts we learned from Match.com's "Singles in America" survey.

Another fact

Meeting online is the No. 1 way singles found their last first date

What it means: Don't go out on weekends. Get a glass of wine, turn on your computer and find a date at home.
What people are saying:
"The funny thing is that my New Year's resolution for 2014 is to try and be sluttier. But instead of being slutty, now I've already gone on 12 dates this year. And I only had sex once!" **PEREZ HILTON**

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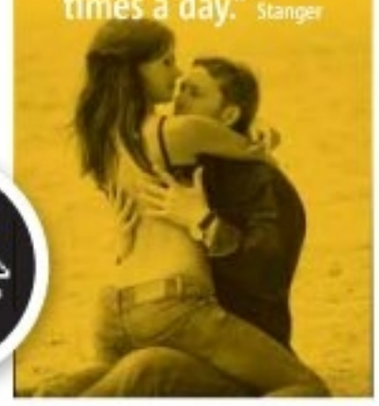
"My problem is when I'm really busy I don't want sex. But give me a vacation and I'll give it to you 17 times a day." Stanger



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Gifts to show your pets you love them

Belated Valentine's treats. The best gift for a companion animal is spending time together; however, this month is the perfect time to indulge and add some fun to the mix.

French poet and writer Anatole France is reputed to have said, "Until one has loved an animal, part of one's soul remains unawakened." Millions of animal lovers undoubtedly agree, and even if you missed Valentine's Day, it's not too late to get them a loving gift. After all, they're animals; they don't hold grudges for missed anniversaries or holidays. Here are some great ideas for something fun, or something yummy, or both. Or how about a cute new hoodie? Pet gifts seem to give us as much pleasure as they do our animal companions.

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You wanna be in the show?

Allie, a standard poodle, waits to compete in the Best in Show category at the Westminster dog show. / GETTY IMAGES

Come on, doggy, let's go. Westminster Kennel Club handlers offer tips to prep your pup.

The Westminster Kennel Club dog show returned to Manhattan earlier this month. Dogs of all breeds from all over the world travel to Westminster each year, but the trick is getting a show dog to stand out among its fellow quadrupeds.

Metro got the inside scoop from professional dog handlers on what it takes to turn your average pup into an award-winning show dog.

It's important to keep your dog healthy and in shape, says Ana Carlson, from Sweden, who bathes and walks her Chinese crested dog, Amy, every day.

"We train her on agility at home, so she does a lot of running and jumping," Carlson says. Amy began training as a 6-month-old puppy and this year won the Award of Merit for her breed.

How long can it take to prep these pups for the show? Handler Cheryl Schaffer says of her dog, "It can be a full-time job, but it's not my full-time job."

For some, like Barbara Canton, dog training is a full-time job. She's a dog handler and the owner of a Yorkshire terrier named Jerry. The average age to start training dogs is eight weeks, when they can be picked from the litter, she says.

But don't lose hope if your dog is past the eight-week mark. "People have brought me dogs that are a year or two," Canton says. "As long as they have the right attitude, they usually do pretty well."

She starts with a command like "Watch me." Once the dog imitates her actions, she offers a treat. The most coveted treat, of course, is Westminster's Best in Show award. It's not cheap though.

"If you're campaigning your dog for the year, anywhere from $25,000 to a half-million dollars [is what] people might spend for the training, handling and advertising."

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How to get there

How to get your dog into Westminster

"Talk to your good breeders. Come to these shows. You're going to see the best of the best and get a lot of information from them." CHERYL SCHAFFER

"Find our local Kennel Club and attend handling classes and obedience classes." BARBARA CANTON

"Have a really good relationship with your dog. It's important that you and your dog have fun together. I do everything with Amy. She's always with me. She even sleeps under the blankets in my bed every night." ANA CARLSON

"Just keep trying. Don't give up. I was like 'I'm not going to do anything here today' and to win Best of Breed is spectacular. It was very exciting and unexpected." SHERYL PARCELL

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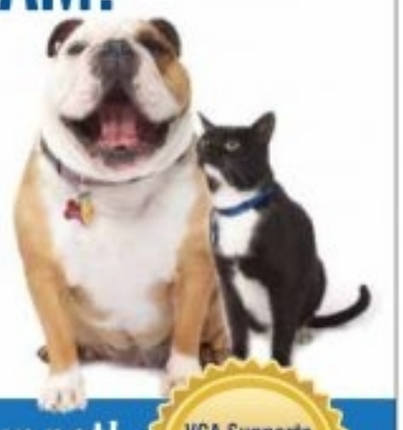

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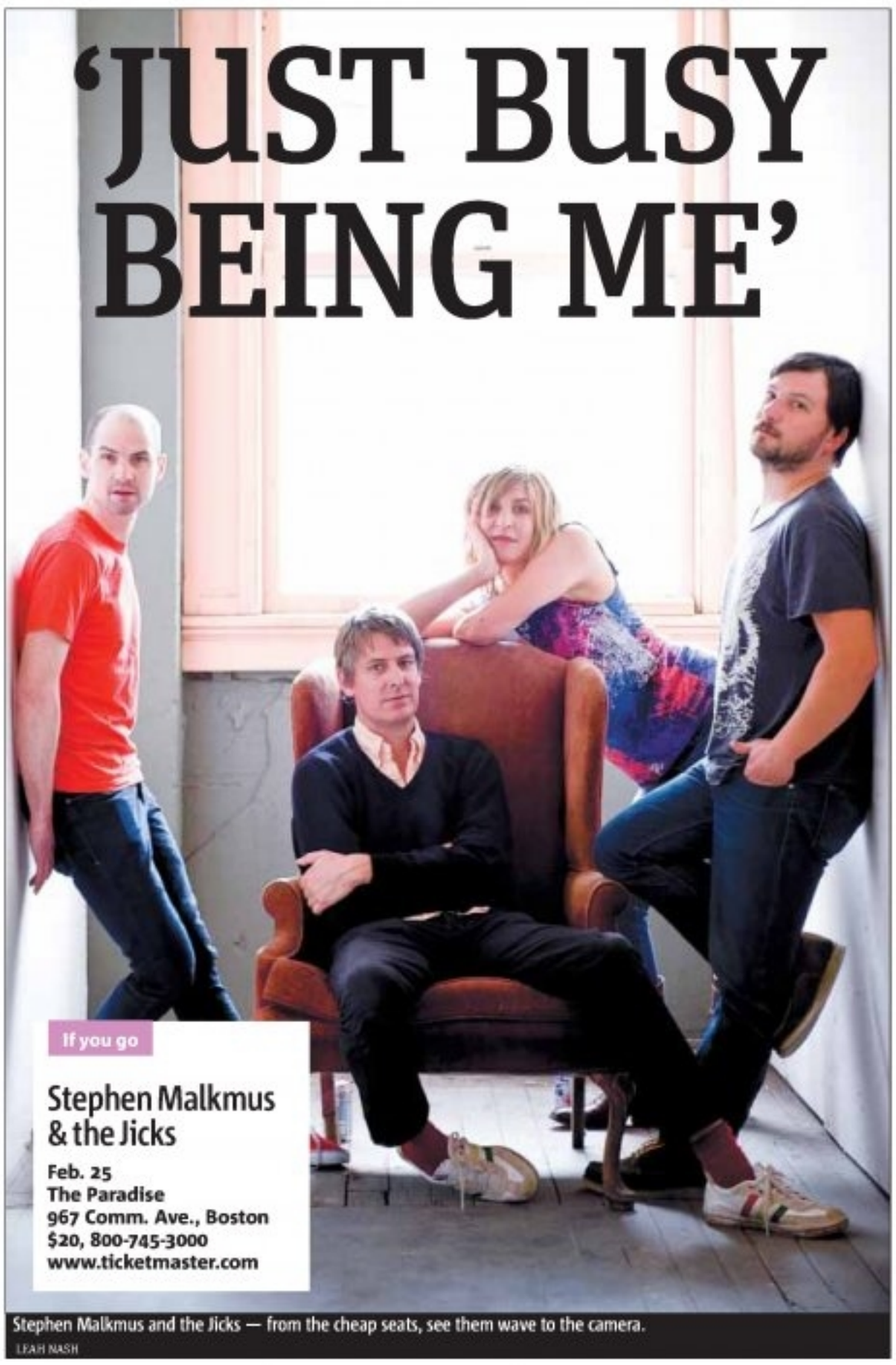

Stephen Malkmus and the Jicks — from the cheap seats, see them wave to the camera.
LEAH NASH

Interview. Jicks frontman Stephen Malkmus talks smart classic rock and accidental Pavement rip-offs.

When we tell Stephen Malkmus that a lot of the songs on his new album with The Jicks, “Wig Out at Jagbags” sound like classic rock, but with lyrics that are likely too clever for classic rock fans, we accidentally tap into a vein of existential angst.

“It doesn’t last long, it doesn’t really give you a payoff, it’s like a tease, a tease of that kind of stuff; an elusive classic rock with no payoff,” he begins to consider. “That’s sort of what I feel like life is often like. The big payoffs, we know they are false and we know that they have already been done. It’s like we know our presidents lie and that there are huge losers in capitalism. It’s part of our identity in this era. “

But Malkmus seems like he’s OK with his identity in this era. The indie rock veteran has been taking his kids, aged 6 and 9, to see concerts by pop acts like Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Lorde.

“I think that’s how music is too,” he continues. “I can get transported by a person’s voice occasionally, and when it’s the right mix of some emotion, just luckily sometimes, I can feel something transcendent ... but even then I am kind of left just saying, ‘Oh hey, nice work! They pulled that off.’”

If Malkmus sounds cynical in conversation, the content on “Wig Out” is at the opposite end of the spectrum. There’s the aforementioned “elusive classic rock” sound, as well as sounds that are almost easy listening. The lyrics feel dashed off, but are never cliched. On “Independent Street,” one of the most classic rock “Wig Out” tracks, he sings, “I don’t have the stomach for your brandy/I can hardly sip your tea/I don’t have no teeth left for your candy/I’m just busy being me.”

For as long as Malkmus has been writing songs, he’s always been him, defying conventions, especially in his noisy beginnings with Pavement. But one has to wonder, will Malkmus ever take an honest stab at something that does give the masses that payoff?

“There’s no point to do that for us,” he says. “I have thought about it, I understand it and I appreciate the simple genius of people that can do that. ... I just don’t do it. Maybe I can’t do it.”

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Running on Pavement

On the new Jicks song “J Smoov,” a horn plays a light riff that sounds a lot like the “nanny nanny boo boo” melody of the Pavement song, “Stereo.” This is news to Malkmus.

“Good point! I didn’t think of that,” he says. “I don’t even think the guy who played that knew. The guy that did that he was just really talented, I just ran three horn solos, and he just did that. There was a time where we thought we were going to use part one of that solo, because you know how you can mix and match, but then we just ran out of time and got lazy and it was good, so we kept it in there.”

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Sun Ra would have been 100 years old this year.! / REDFERNS

Also onstage

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This Texan metal band are definitely old school, cultivating a delirious ’70s fantasy aesthetic seemingly ripped straight from musty old issues of the magazine “Heavy Metal” and long-forsaken Dungeons and Dragons manuals. What keeps it all from being mere nostalgia is the simple fact that these guys rock! MATTHEW DINARO

The Sword slice through Boston this weekend. / SAM HOLDEN

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BEFORE YOU EXIT
MACY KATE, PLUG IN STEREO

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SHEARWATER
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THU. 3/27
DUM DUM GIRLS
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With its Edwardian drawing room feel, Fairsted Kitchen is a pretty place for supper and brunch. / DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Fairsted Kitchen is something of a misnomer: Fairsted Drawing Room is more apt. Rather than the de rigeur exposed wood and brick of current eatery-drinkery design, Fairsted bucks trends with a pretty, Edwardian style drawing room, or salon, not a utilitarian looking kitchen extension.

Though it's inspired by Emerald Necklace and Central Park landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's nearby estate of the same name, the room doesn't have the Victorian heaviness of Olmsted's time. Also, the shelves filled with old porcelain, embossed wallpaper accents, and vintage mismatched plates pair with Dire Straits and Black Rebel Motorcycle Club played at discernible volume, switching the room from theme-y to fun.

In keeping with Olmsted's time, though, Fairsted Kitchen doesn't serve dinner. Instead, supper is the evening menu header. (It's also open for weekend brunch.) Supper is more casual than dinner, and is simply the final repast before bedtime. Divided by size — snacks, small plates, entrees, and big format dishes — Fairsted's menu offers pick and choosey options. For its first winter, chef Scott Osif (Cub Room, NYC; The Galley, Nantucket) turns out hearty dishes like pan-roasted skate, crisped and rich, with roasted sunchokes and harrissa-spiced eggplant and tomato chutney. There's also a tender wagyu beefsteak topped with a big chunk of roasted squash, and served over wild rice that soaks in the beef juices.

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www.actorsshakespeareproject.org
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MOVIES

'The Lady from Shanghai'

Friday through Sunday
Brattle Theater,
40 Brattle St., Cambridge
$8-$10, 617-876-6838
www.brattlefilm.org
Film noir is one of those genres you're more likely be introduced to through parody or homage than the real thing, but if you're looking for the real thing you can't do much better than this 1947 example starring Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth. Its famous climax involves a metaphorically rich shoot-out in a hall of mirrors — classic Wellesian psychodrama.

'Soundtrack by Herbie Hancock'

Sunday and Monday
Harvard Film Archive,
24 Quincy St., Cambridge
$9-$12, 617-495-4700
hcl.harvard.edu/hfa
This two-part series features two films with — wait for it — soundtracks by Herbie Hancock. Sunday's pick is Michelangelo Antonioni's 1966 thriller "Blow Up," and Monday's is Ivan Dixon's politically provocative 1973 film "The Spook Who Sat by the Door." Hancock, in town through the end of March to deliver Harvard's 2014 Norton Lectures, will appear in person at the latter screening. If you get a chance, ask him why Spotify has karaoke versions of his mega hit song from 1983, "Rockit." That song is pretty much just an instrumental! What are you supposed to sing if you do it as a karaoke song? Just the phrase, "Rock It"?!! Are you really supposed to just do the robot dance that whole time? We need to know, Herbie!

ART

William Kentridge: The Refusal of Time

Through May 4
Institute of Contemporary Art,
100 Northern Ave., Boston
$10-$13, 617-478-3103
www.icaboston.org
This video installation by South African artist/wizard William Kentridge, made in collaboration with Harvard historian of science Peter Galison, utilizes live action, music and Kentridge's trademark animation for an exploration of our attitudes about time through history, which Kentridge believes frequently take the form of a refusal, a seeking to escape the constraining pressure of impending death.

TO CHECK OUT KIDJO'S TUNES, TRY STARTING WITH HER SONG, "BLEWU."

Angelique Kidjo

Sunday, 7 p.m.
Somerville Theater,
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$40, 617-876-4275
www.worldmusic.org
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DANCE

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Through March 2
Sanctuary Theater,
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$40, 617-354-7467
www.ballettheatre.org
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MUSIC

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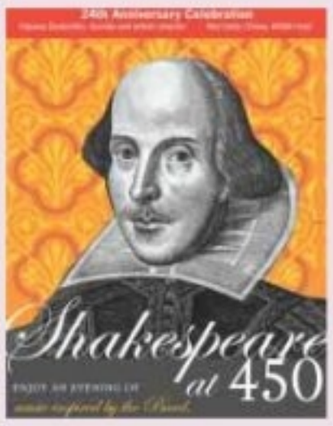

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These guys look like they actually have a place to go. / PROVIDED

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♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.
Flexibility will be necessary when dealing with a personal or business partner, and will also help to strengthen your union. Take measures to ensure that your property is protected before leaving home.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.
You may be feeling romantic, but caution must be taken where intimacy is concerned. Hurt feelings will develop if your actions are misinterpreted.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Let your imagination inspire you. Find a hobby that stimulates your imagination. Your efforts may be rewarding if you market your new skills.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.
You mustn't allow others to stifle your talents. Follow your intuition and keep your dreams in sight. Your excellent memory is an important facet of your personality.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Your home decor and improvement plans will prove challenging if you let someone meddle. Refrain from listening to anyone trying to deter you from following through.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
Get to know your friends and neighbors better. You can obtain a lot of information by listening and observing how others react to situations.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Don't jump to conclusions. The situation may turn out to be much different from the one you imagine. Do your homework before you make a decision.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
Take a look at your personal and business relationships. Someone you are dealing with may be looking for a firm commitment. Be honest and up-front about your concerns.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
Resist telling anyone intimate details. Serious problems may arise if you are not mindful of someone else's privacy. Use discretion.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.
Lighten up and have some fun. Accepting invitations to social activities is a sure way to meet new and exciting people. A casual encounter may lead to a lasting friendship.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.
Your position may be jeopardized if someone tries to take credit for your work. Promote your accomplishments to your employer to ensure your advancement. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Letters

Plastic beats paper

Re: 'Cities, towns move forward with bans on plastic bags' (Metro, Feb. 19) If you think banning plastic bags is a good idea, remember this phrase: "Be careful of what you wish for." Paper bags cost more and nowadays break — and big-time store chains will pass that cost to you, the consumer. Is it worth it? I think not. We need to enforce and have tougher fines on litterers — not penalize good, hard-working people.
PETE AUSTIN, VIA EMAIL

I saw a woman leave Whole Foods with a wonderful paper bag. She makes it to sidewalk when bag breaks — groceries everywhere. Imagine it in rainy weather. Not all of us have cars. I shlep 1.5 miles home with a granny cart. I also use plastic to contain spoiled food, soiled pet newspapers and bunny droppings/wood shavings. I'd like to see that all over the sidewalk on trash day.
MAUREEN MUNRO, VIA EMAIL

Row, row your boats, deniers

Re: 'Cool down, global warmers' (Metro, Feb. 19) People are laughing off global warming (referred to as climate change) because we've had a few snowstorms. Pay attention — snow is water, water is moisture, huge amounts of moisture accumulate in the atmosphere when ocean water evaporates. The melting of glaciers and polar ice caps increases the level of ocean waters, causing excess moisture (snow) in the atmosphere and flooding. How soon people forget (or ignore) the ice storm in Atlanta, the flooding in Australia that covered an area the size of Texas, and the flooding occurring right now in England — or the thousands of deaths that occurred a year ago in Europe due to extreme heat. Laugh it up, fools; hope you have a rowboat.
ROBERT LAROSA, VIA EMAIL

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10 — dixit
14 Turbine part
15 Crazy
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17 Century plant
18 Many a Norway king
19 Music and ballet
20 Giggle (hyph.)
21 Ruined Mayan city
23 Explain further
25 Apply a jimmy
26 Carpenter's jaws
29 WWW addresses
32 Part of MGM
37 Here, in Le Havre
38 Haleakala's isle
39 Ill humor
40 Snack servers (2 wds.)
43 It may be gross
44 Bireme movers
45 Mao — -tung
46 Muralist – Rivera
47 Late tennis great
48 Grind, as an ax
49 Common ID
51 Major conflict
53 Well-deserved break
58 Sandy expanse
62 Apiece
63 Pulpit
64 Google rival
65 Labor Dept. division
66 Produced, as eggs
67 Feed the fire
68 Parakeet treat
69 MOMA artist
70 Less forward

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6 Plop down
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35 Shortstop Pee Wee —
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41 Pooch
42 Long sigh
47 Kind of magnetism
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52 Deep fissure
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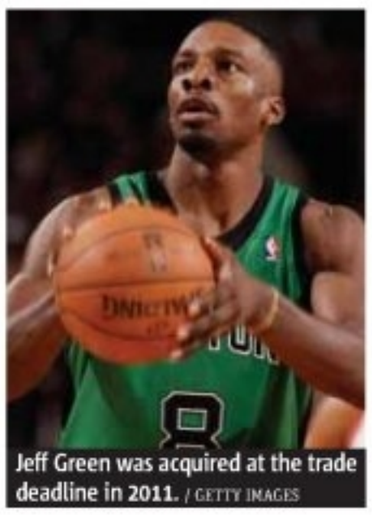
Celts expected to be movers at deadline

NBA. In this lost season, Thursday could be a day of great change for the Celtics.

The biggest date on the Celtics 2013-14 calendar has already passed as Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett made their triumphant returns to Boston on Jan. 26. That day celebrated the past.

Thursday, long marked as the only other "big day" on the C's schedule, should have a great effect on the future of Boston basketball.

The Celtics are perhaps the team most expected to execute a trade prior to the NBA's trade deadline at 3 p.m. Danny Ainge has never been shy about pulling the trigger around deadline day in the past, executing deals in the four weeks leading up to the final day of swapping in seven of the 10 seasons he has been boss of the C's.



Jeff Green was acquired at the trade deadline in 2011. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

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Danny Ainge has pulled the trigger on deals in the four weeks leading up to the NBA trade deadline seven times in his 10 years as head of the Celtics.

Most likely to go

Brandon Bass, Jeff Green, Kris Humphries and Keith Bogans have had "trade bait" written on their foreheads since C's training camp in Newport.

Bass is set to become a free agent after next season and he's making $6.9 million per year. He would be a perfect big man off the bench for a contender this season and next.

Jeff Green is having a career year (16.4 ppg), but the feeling from many is that his statistics are a tad hollow.

The 29-year-old Humphries' contract is expiring at the end of this season and he has played well for Brad Stevens, particularly of late, making him quite valuable across the league.

Most likely to stay

The odds say that Rajon Rondo is here for good, but with each day comes a new rumor.

Avery Bradley is also likely to stay in Boston. The defensively-tough yet injury prone guard is a restricted free agent after this season. Jared Sullinger will be a bargain for Boston next season as he's still on his rookie deal. Kelly Olynyk is likely off the trade board as well, mostly because there's not enough of an NBA sample size. Of course, if Ainge has a blockbuster in store for Thursday, nearly everyone is fair game.

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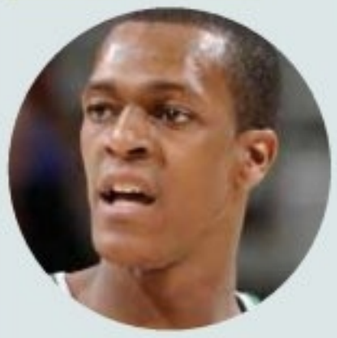
NBA trade deadline



Report: Rockets inquire about Rondo trade

The Houston Rockets covet Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo and have inquired about acquiring him from Boston, according to ESPN's Marc Stein.

Celtics president of basketball operations Danny Ainge reportedly would want any deal to involve Rockets small forward Chandler Parsons, who is averaging 17.0 points and 5.6 rebounds per game in his third year out of Florida. Rockets center Omer Asik would also likely head to Boston in any deal. METRO

3 SPORTS

Old rumor

Brand new Fenway?

Red Sox owner John Henry said that despite numerous renovations, at some point in time there would have to be a new Fenway Park. "Structurally there is an expiration date," Henry said, adding that he thinks the current park has "a good 30 years" left.

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ARE YOU BINGE EATING?

Is your eating out of control?
Do you feel disgusted or guilty after overeating?

If so, you may have binge eating disorder.
Binge eating disorder is the most common eating disorder and has the potential to impact the health of those diagnosed with the disorder.
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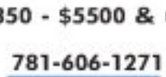

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This is the watch Stephen Hollingshead, Jr. was wearing when he encountered a drunk driver. Time of death 6:55pm.

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